

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Markus BAUMANN et al.

Serial No.:

Filed: September 2, 2001

For: PLATE-LINK CHAIN

Group Art Unit \_\_\_\_\_

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination and before the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 4 through 6 without prejudice or disclaimer

REMARKS

Claims 2 through 6 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer for the sole purpose of reducing the filing fee by eliminating multiple claim dependency. Applicants will present additional claims after the translation of the application is filed. In that regard, the cancelled claims include claims directed subject matter included within the application disclosure,